

House Resolution 567

By: Representatives Sims of the 169th, Porter of the 143rd, Hatfield of the 177th, Williams of the 178th, Smith of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Dewey N. Hayes, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing
3 of attorney Dewey N. Hayes, Sr., on March 4, 2007; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on July 27, 1923, to John Cleveland and Mary Walsh Hayes in
5 Coffee County, where he was a long-time servant of the community of Douglas; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served his country nobly in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946,
7 during World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a celebrated graduate of South Georgia College, the Walter F. George
9 School of Law at Mercer University, and the University of Chicago; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Georgia with diligence, grace, and wisdom as a district
11 attorney from 1957 to 1981, and he is credited with shutting down nearly every illegal
12 business in the Bacon County area during the first three years of his tenure; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he unhesitatingly aided his community in every way he could, serving as
14 president of the Douglas Bar Association for approximately ten years, president of the
15 District Attorneys Association of Georgia, and a 50 year member of the Georgia Bar
16 Association; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his selfless dedication to his community was surpassed only by his unshakable
18 devotion to his family, and he is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Haley Hayes;
19 daughter, Candy Hayes Powell; sons, Dewey Hayes, Jr. and Franklin Hayes; brother, George
20 P. Hayes; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of relatives, colleagues, and
21 friends; and

1 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death we
2 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of
5 Dewey N. Hayes, Sr. and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dewey N.
8 Hayes, Sr.